

These rules stand only to pervert the intention of copyright law. They make the presumption that a given piece of content is unauthorized to be viewed until proven otherwise more important in the law than the presumption that every piece of content should be viewable by the largest number of people possible. Our most important documents, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, indeed much great literature and even religious texts, all fall into the latter category. Our least important content, commercialized ephemeral popular culture and sporting events, fall into the former.

Our government should not be siding with corporations and against citizens in essentially accusing consumers of being guilty of a crime and penalizing them as if they have committed a crime when they have not, especially a crime (willful criminal copyright infringement) that they are statistically unlikely to ever commit. These are their customers, and they are allowed to treat them this way? Shameful.

The limited right of copyright as envisioned by our nation's founders was clearly intended to be in the best interest of the greatest number of people. To limit the freedom of citizens to use this right, to erode the public domain and fair use rights of the people, is to be anti-American, and that is exactly what these corporations and politicians are doing.

Please join me in opposing them.

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